

REPUBLICANS GET  
READY FOR FIGHTA. P. Gillespie, of Tazewell,  
Boomed for Governor.

## HE FAVORS PROHIBITION

Want Question Submitted to  
People for Decision.

At Conference of Republican Leaders, Name of Tazewell Business Man and Lawyer is Brought Out for the Gubernatorial Nomination. Rhea Faction Will Support Judge Mann in Southwest Virginia.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Roads, Va., Feb. 13.—From authoritative sources, high in the Republican councils, it is learned that A. P. Gillespie, the wealthy Tazewell County lawyer and business man, will be urged to enter the race for the Republican nomination for governor, and if he is willing to enter the lists he will have the support of the big Republican leaders.

It is also stated that prohibition will be the paramount issue in the Republican platform. The prohibition plank will promise that the Republican party, if it carries the election, will submit to the people the question of prohibition, and let them decide whether they want it.

## Conference of Leaders.

It is stated that several leading Republicans of the State held an informal conference in Washington the other day, when it was decided to ask Mr. Gillespie to make the race for governor, promising him their support.

Mr. Gillespie was a member of the recent constitutional convention. He is a well-known lawyer of the Southwest, and is a wealthy business man. In fact, the Republican leader talking said Mr. Gillespie is a "Henry C. Stuart type of man—broad-minded, a splendid executive, and a successful business man."

## Judge Rhea for Mann.

Bristol, Va., Feb. 13.—It has just become definitely known here that the Rhea faction will vigorously support Judge William Hodge Mann for the nomination for governor of Virginia over Harry St. George Tucker.

This is also in view of the fact that the majority of the Rhea faction are "wet" Democrats. Judge Rhea himself made a strong fight for the saloons in Bristol two years ago.

There is now presented the spectacle of the ardent advocates of the saloon vigorously supporting Judge Mann, whom friends say he is the original temperance reformer of the State.

The support is largely in return for Mann's services in defending Judge Rhea in the senate last year, when the charges were preferred against him in connection with the confirmation of his appointment as a member of the corporation commission of Virginia.

The situation is now most interesting from this part of the State. Cloyd Byars, the recent Democratic candidate for Congress, will support Tucker. The sentiment

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## STARVING CHILDREN RESCUED.

Society Women Agree to Keep Them  
from Charity Homes.

Cumberland, Md., Feb. 13.—The society women of Cumberland, backed up by the business men, have promised to provide for five children, who were found almost nude and starving in a bark shanty in the mountains near here.

The children had been committed to public institutions, but the women secured a writ of habeas corpus and had them released. They were dressed and kept in style, pending the remanding of their commitment by one of the city's society leaders. The father of the children, David Kifer, had been ill and unable to care for them. The mother is dead.

## ZELAYA BACKS DOWN.

Releases Men Arrested for Celebrating  
Taft's Election.

New Orleans, Feb. 13.—President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, has finally released from prison the forty merchants, bankers, and other prominent citizens of Granada, arrested for taking part in a demonstration in the celebration of the election of Taft as President of the United States. As the people of Granada are politically opposed to Zelaya he regarded this demonstration as a direct attack on him, and as indicating a revolution.

The men who carried an American flag in the parade were locked up and have been in prison since. The American minister protested against this action, and resigned when it was intimated that he was interfering in local affairs.

## MACKAY RUSHES HOME.

Mistake in Telegram Causes Million-  
aire Needless Alarm.

New York, Feb. 13.—Clarence Mackay is on his way to New York from Louisville to-day, summoned by a telegram from his wife telling him of the serious illness with diphtheria of their daughter Helen. He left Louisville last night and is expected to arrive to-night.

Mr. Mackay was in attendance at the Lincoln centenary celebration at Hodgenville, Ky., yesterday when the telegram reached him. He was one of the projectors of the plan to erect a Lincoln memorial on the spot where the great emancipator was born.

At the Mackay home a butler stated to-day that Miss Helen was not suffering from diphtheria, but from bronchitis, and is out of danger.

## Oldest Odd Fellow Dead.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 13.—William H. Small, the oldest Odd Fellow in the United States, died at his home in this city late this afternoon. Mr. Small was nearing his ninetieth year.

Enough Inaugural Lumber for whole city.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia—Partly cloudy and somewhat colder to-day; rain or snow at night and to-morrow; moderate winds, becoming easterly.

## BAND LEADER ARRESTED.

Vessella, of Atlantic City, Challenges  
to Duel Over Wife.

Atlantic City, Feb. 13.—Fired by jealousy because of reports that his mistress wife had presented George Matthews, Jr., an athletic skating instructor on the million-dollar pier, with a valuable diamond ring, Oreste Vessella, leader of the Steel Pier Orchestra, who attained fame when he courted and married Miss Egan, daughter of a wealthy Cincinnati family, made a Boardwalk sensation by insisting on a duel with Matthews.

He was arrested and released on bail.

## BRYAN EULOGIZES LINCOLN.

Centennial Week in Chicago Closes  
Successfully.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—Lincoln centennial week closed to-night with many assemblages in honor of the Emancipator. William Jennings Bryan delivered an address before the Ben Franklin Club, paying high tribute to the martyred President. Other memorial exercises were held at the Hebrew Institute, Royal Arcanum Grand Lodge, and all Jewish synagogues. Lincoln services will be held Sunday in most of the churches.

## CUBANS SLIGHT AMERICANS.

Officials Not Invited to Lincoln Ob-  
servances in Havana.

Havana, Feb. 13.—The banquet held here in honor of the centenary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, it developed to-day, has left an unpleasant aftertaste.

For some reason, for which no explanation has been offered so far, Gen. Thomas J. Barry, Minister Morgan, and Consul General Rodgers, three officials especially representative of the recent American administration on the island, were not invited, and did not attend. The incident was the subject for lively discussion in state and social circles to-day.

## CHAUFFEUR CLEARS MYSTERY.

Mrs. McCook Was Run Down by His  
Machine.

New York, Feb. 13.—The mystery surrounding the accident in which Mrs. Edw. S. McCook was killed, which caused her death yesterday, was solved to-day, when William Schumann, a chauffeur, surrendered himself at the East 125th street station, and admitted that he drove the car that ran down and killed Mrs. McCook. Schumann is employed by Anthony G. Ibbekin, who conducts a garage at 27 West 124th street.

Briefly stated, Schumann's confession is that he accidentally ran into and injured Mrs. McCook. He had with him in the car, as his fares Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Harris, of 31 West 124th street. The accident occurred at Seventy-fifth street and Madison avenue, and did not appear to be badly hurt, according to Schumann. He picked her up, and placed her in the tonneau with Mr. and Mrs. Harris. She said she lived with her cousin, Gen. Anson McCook, at 33 West Fifty-fourth street, and asked to be taken there. Schumann drove his car to Gen. McCook's residence, Mr. and Mrs. Harris supporting Mrs. McCook during the trip. At the McCook house, when asked his name, Schumann said he was Henry Fisher, of 37 Madison avenue, and hurried away. When asked why he gave a fictitious name and address, he said:

"I wanted to save my boss from being sued. I didn't think the lady was badly hurt."

The chauffeur was held in \$3,000 bail.

## CONSENT IS NOT YET GIVEN

Hetty Green Surprised at Report of  
Daughter's Engagement.

Richest Woman in World Shares  
Offices with Stuyvesant Fish.  
Spends Little on Dress.

New York, Feb. 13.—Mrs. Hetty Green, the richest woman in the world, announced that she has "not yet given her consent" to the marriage of her daughter Sylvia to Matthew Astor Wilkes, the wealthy Canadian, whose relatives sent out an announcement of the engagement from Galt, Ontario, two days ago.

In an effort to learn something from Mrs. Green of her daughter's engagement it was also learned that Mrs. Green now shares offices with Stuyvesant Fish in the National Park Bank building, in Broadway.

Mrs. Green, as she grows older, does not acquire vanity of personal adornment. When she left her home, in Bloomfield street, Hoboken, she was dressed quite plainly. She crossed the ferry to New York and went directly to the National Park Bank. She was escorted to the door of the safety deposit vaults, into which she disappeared. In a few minutes her secretary, Mr. Phelps, an employee of the Chemical National Bank, joined her. Subsequently Mrs. Green went to the offices of Stuyvesant Fish, and still later visited the offices of the Title Guaranty Trust Company. Before she entered the building she declared herself thus to a reporter concerning her daughter's reported engagement:

"With regard to the engagement of my daughter to Mr. Wilkes, I have not yet given my consent to it. I don't know what those Wilkes people mean by telling people that it is so. Why, they have even published it in the London Times. But I have not given my consent."

She would say nothing more.

## Oil Company to Pay.

St. Louis, Feb. 13.—That the Waters-Pierce Oil Company will pay the \$30,000 fine and agree to abide by the conditions imposed by the Supreme Court of Missouri is the definite announcement made following the arrival of H. Clay Pierce, president of the company, in St. Louis to-day.

While you think of it, telephone your Want Ad. to The Washington Herald, and bill will be sent you at 1 cent a word.

Violets for Your Valentine.  
Best specimens at Blackstone's 14th & H.

Frank Libbey &amp; Co., N. Y. ave. and 6th st.

## TO-DAY IN THE JUNGLE.



## DAY WILL AID KNOX

Equitable Vice President to  
Be Under Secretary.

## MAKES SACRIFICE IN SALARY

Present Position Pays Him \$30,000 a  
Year and in New Place He Will  
Receive \$10,000—Ability Quickly  
Recognized While an Assistant in  
the Department of Justice.

William A. Day, who gained fame as a lawyer in the government prosecution of the trusts, and who is now a vice president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, will be the first incumbent of the office of Under Secretary of State, just created by Congress.

In giving up his position with the Equitable, which pays him \$30,000 a year, he will sacrifice \$20,000 annually, as the allowance for the Under Secretaryship is \$10,000.

## Better Paid Than Knox.

This, however, will be \$2,000 in excess of the salary of the Secretary of State, which is to be reduced to \$5,000 temporarily, in order to permit Philander Chase Knox to qualify under the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. Day, who hails from Illinois, was formerly Auditor of the Treasury. He became later an assistant in the Department of Justice, where his legal knowledge was so signally and successfully displayed that Mr. Knox, then Attorney General, caused the office of Assistant Attorney General to be created for him. This he held in 1903-05, and his work in the trust proceedings commanded wide attention.

## Sought His Services.

When Paul Morton surrendered the portfolio of the Navy to accept the presidency of the Equitable, under its reorganization, he at once sought the services of Mr. Day, and induced him to resign the Assistant Attorney Generalship and join him in New York. His duties have been those of general counsel, with the rank and title of vice president, and his abilities in this position have been just as marked as formerly.

When Mr. Knox, at the solicitation of President-elect Taft, consented to relinquish his seat in the United States Senate and become Secretary of State, it is said that he made his acceptance conditional upon securing the service of Mr. Day and the creation for him of the post of Under Secretary—a position of rank and distinction.

## Aspired to the Place.

The decision of Beekman Winthrop not to accept the post of First Assistant Secretary of State is said to be due to the fact that he aspired to the higher place of Under Secretary.

Although the choice of Mr. Day has not yet been authoritatively announced, it is well understood to be a fixed fact.

## PROTECTIVE TARIFF ASKED.

Porto Rico Would Lose \$3,000,000  
Annually by Reduction.

San Juan, P. R., Feb. 13.—A memorial to Congress, praying for a protective duty on foreign coffee, sugar, and tobacco, is being prepared by the house of delegates. A cable message has been sent to Commissioner Larrinaga, at Washington, asking him to advise Congress of the proposed petition.

A commission will be sent to co-operate with Larrinaga to secure protection. A reduction in the Cuban sugar tariff would signify a loss of \$3,000,000 annually to Porto Rico, and seriously affect the island's financial condition.

## Sweden Grants Suffrage.

Stockholm, Feb. 13.—Both chambers of the Swedish diet to-day passed the bill providing for universal suffrage, with proportionate representation in the Parliament. All inhabitants of the country over twenty-four years of age are entitled to vote.

## Baltimore and Return, \$1.25.

Baltimore and Return, \$1.25.  
Every Saturday and Sunday. All trains, both ways, both days, except Royal Limited. City offices, 147 G. St. and 612 Pa. ave.

Special prices for inaugural stands.

## CRISIS IN TURKEY.

Split in Reform Party Causes Con-  
siderable Anxiety.

London, Feb. 13.—The domestic crisis in Turkey causes friends of the new regime considerable anxiety.

It comes so early in the experiment of constitutional government, and signifying as it does, a split in the reform party itself, that the situation cannot but be regarded as serious.

## BALLINGER FOR CABINET.

Resigns from Expedition to Be Sec-  
retary of the Interior.

Seattle, Feb. 13.—Judge Richard A. Ballinger to-day formally tendered his resignation as vice president and trustee of the Alaskan-Yukon-Pacific Exposition Corporation, because of the fact that his new duties as Secretary of the Interior in the Cabinet of President Taft will necessitate his residing permanently in Washington.

## LONDON IS NOW CHEERFUL

King's Visit to Berlin Clears Off  
Political Slate.

London, Feb. 13.—London is feeling more cheerful this week than for a long time. It is all because the sinister attitude which usually prevails in the Berlin political world has given way to a kindness which is fairly beaming. Germany has wiped the Morocco issue off the slate apparently, and everybody is wondering anew what all the fuss has been about, inasmuch as the situation remains precisely where it was two years ago, as far as the powers are concerned.

Then the King has been entertained with genuine hospitality, and he and his nephew have been telling each other how sincere is not only their personal friendship, but the kindly feelings of the two nations toward each other. There is really good reason to believe that the visit will be of genuine benefit to the future relations of England and Germany.

It is not beyond hope that the discussions between the King, the Kaiser, Sir Arthur Hardinge, and Prince von Buelow may result in the complete removal of the acute features of the Balkan problem. It may almost be assumed that this result is now assured, but it will be at the expense, unhappily, of the complete sacrifice of the interests of the weakest party concerned, namely, the Serb race in Bosnia, Herzegovina, Serbia, and Montenegro.

## ONE HUNDRED WILL TESTIFY.

Standard Oil \$20,000,000 Case to Be  
Retried.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 13.—Five hundred names have been handed to the Federal jury commissioners here by county clerks of this district for the selection of fifteen veniremen to qualify as jurors to retry the \$20,000,000 Standard Oil case. The work of choosing jurors, which begins February 23, is expected to occupy about one week.

One hundred witnesses, including twelve from St. Louis, who are officers of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, an alleged subsidiary corporation, and employees of railroads will be required to testify.

## THEATRICAL MANAGER DIES.

Ben Hurlitz, Head of Brooklyn Firm,  
Succumbs to Tumor.

New York, Feb. 13.—Ben Hurlitz, senior member of the Brooklyn theatrical firm of Hurlitz & Seamon, died to-day at his home, in Seventh avenue. He had long been ill from a tumor, and his death had been expected for several weeks.

Mr. Hurlitz was an enterprising and successful manager of amusement enterprises for nearly a quarter of a century. He was born in Nashville, Tenn., forty-three years ago. His first appearance in public was made in connection with the Barnum & Bailey Circus, in Cincinnati. Later he became interested in balloon ascensions, and engaged the first aerostats that gave exhibitions with the Barnum & Bailey Circus.

## Woman Told She Must Die.

Mrs. Farmer Receives News with  
Mute Indifference.

Auburn, N. Y., Feb. 13.—Taking upon himself the ordeal, Warden Benham this evening went to the cell of Mrs. Mary Farmer, sentenced to be electrocuted for the murder of her neighbor, Mrs. Anna Brennan, and broke the news to her of her coming doom on March 29.

Executive clemency alone can now save her.

Mrs. Farmer received her death sentence with blank indifference, soon recovering from a slight start which she gave when the warden and officials entered her cell. She uttered no word. She sat on the edge of her bed, and efforts of the prison officials to learn her wishes regarding the officers of strangers for the adoption of her infant son were fruitless.

## J. H. Small &amp; Sons, Florists.

New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola, Very low rates via Southern Rwy. Feb. 13-22.

We have just the lumber you want.

Frank Libbey &amp; Co., N. Y. ave. and 6th st.

## BIG STEEL DEAL REPORTED.

Midland Company Said to Have Been  
Bought for \$4,000,000.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 13.—It is reported that the Republic Iron and Steel Company has purchased the Midland Steel Company for \$4,000,000. The Midland Steel Company plant is in Beaver County, Pa., at Midland, a new town on the Ohio River.

H. C. Fowner is president, and he is in the South with his brother, W. C. Fowner. An official of the Midland Company denied the reported sale, but admitted that the negotiations might be on without his knowledge.

## BEEF TRUST CASE DISCUSSED.

Washington Officials Go to Chicago  
to Plan Prosecutions.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—Assistant Attorney General Wade Ellis, who has charge of all the government anti-trust prosecutions, and Special Counsel Marble, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, arrived here to-day to conduct a number of important investigations that are scheduled for next week.

They conferred with United States Attorney Sims about the "beef trust" case and notified attorneys that on Tuesday they will cause evidence to be taken in the hearing of the E. E. Du Pont, de Nemour & Co., powder corporation. They will also add the local counsel in the government's conduct of the Standard Oil case.

## "THE MONK" RUNS AMUCK.

Fire Company's Simian Makes Things  
Lively in Gotham.

New York, Feb. 13.—"Jocko, the Monk," ran amuck to-day in the busiest part of Broadway, leading police and citizens a lively chase. The simian is a native of Brazil and was presented to a fire company two months ago. He escaped, and once in the street, his following increased rapidly. He scaled the elevated structure and the crowd went up the stairs after him. Down he came and started a free-for-all bout with a lady's fur boa.

He led the procession over the site of the new Pennsylvania depot, and this proved his undoing. More nimble than the monkey, Mickey Cosgrove scaled the precipices of the depot excavation and was soon hugging Mr. Monk in his arms. The crowd cheered and business resumed.

## FOURTEEN HURT; TWO DYING

Explosion of Oil in Manufacturing  
Plant Causes Disaster—Employees  
Flee in Panic—Greek Laborers Fall  
to Street in Flames and Dies of In-  
juries—Property Loss \$200,000.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 13.—Five firemen and a laborer are dead to-night, two firemen are dying, twelve others are more or less seriously injured, and \$200,000 worth of property is in ruins as the result of a fire which this afternoon destroyed the city plant of the H. F. Johns Manville Company, manufacturers of steampipe covers.

The firemen were all caught when the wall of the burning building fell upon them as they played streams on the fire from the roof of the S. Waltham Piano Company's building, which adjoined.

The wall carried the five firemen now dead beneath it, and through the roof of the Waltham building. In addition to these victims, an employee of the Manville Company was burned to death. Following is the list of dead and injured.

The dead are:  
JAMES GUNNING, assistant fire chief, aged 37.  
LEONARD F. CURTIS, thirty-one, pipeman.  
JOHN F. CRAPT, thirty-four, pipeman.  
JOSEPH BELINSKI, twenty-two, pipeman.  
NATHANIEL J. WHALEY, lieutenant, aged thirty-nine.

THOMAS PETCHES, Greek laborer; ran from flames and died of injuries at hospital.

The dying:  
Jack McGee, skull fractured.  
Otto Nummer, driver, back broken.

Of the others the most seriously injured are:  
Paul Lempe, burned about body; Michael Keogh, pipeman; E. F. Crowley, D. A. Sullivan, Michael Tighe.

## Caused by Oil Explosion.

The fire started shortly before noon from the explosion of a barrel of oil in the basement. Immediately after the report of the explosion, and before the alarm was turned in, Thomas Petches, a laborer, ran into the street, covered with blazing oil. He fell on the sidewalk, and was taken to a hospital, where he died.

Following him, the hundred or more employees of the Manville Company rushed in a panic out of the building, several receiving slight injuries. All had escaped, however, when the fire apparatus reached the scene. Within fifteen minutes after the blaze started flames were shooting out of every window in the building.

First Assistant Chief Gunning, with eighteen men, stationed himself on the roof of the Waltham building to play streams on the blaze. The Waltham building is three stories high, and the Manville six. A quarter of an hour later the north wall of the Manville building toppled over with a crash. Several of the imperiled men leaped away, but Gunning and four others were caught before they could stir.

The blaze was controlled without further fatalities. The building and its contents were damaged to the extent of \$200,000.

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## Swearing by 'Phone a Crime.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 13.—The bill by Representative Vaughan, making it a criminal offense to swear over a telephone, was reported favorably to-day by the house committee on criminal jurisprudence.

## Cargo Valued at \$2,000,000.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—A special train, consisting of half a dozen bonded cars, whose contents are valued at \$2,000,000, passed here this morning on the way from Vancouver to New York.

## \$1.25 to Baltimore and Return.

To-day via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Special prices for the small buyer.

Frank Libbey &amp; Co., N. Y. ave. and 6th st.

TAFT IS CHEERED  
ON WAY TO OHIOPresident-elect Delivers Ad-  
dresses Along Route.

## UPHOLDS CANAL WORK

Asks People to Give Support to  
Those in Charge.

Makes Ten Speeches from Rear Plat-  
form of Train—Expresses Appreciation  
of the South at Every Step.  
In Meridian, Miss., Wild Enthusiasm Prevails—Declares that Canal  
Will Be Built and Finished on Time.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 13.—President-elect Taft made ten rear-platform speeches to-day on his way from New Orleans to Cincinnati, where he is due to arrive at 10:10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

At Meridian and Hattiesburg, Miss., he praised the Panama Canal work and the officers of the United States army. At every stop he expressed his appreciation of the South, and his determination to do all he can for it in his administration. He was received with the wildest enthusiasm by the crowd which had gathered to hear him, an enthusiasm which included calls and hurrahs for Mrs. Taft.

Speaking to the big crowd at Meridian, Miss., which was reached late in the afternoon, Mr. Taft replied to a query which came from the crowd about the Panama Canal. He said:

"The Panama Canal is being built. It is going to be built, and what I want every American citizen to do, is to stand by the men who are building it. Don't set a fire in the rear; don't distrust the men who are giving up their strength and energy and enterprise to put the work through."

## Ask People's Support.

"When you have agents who are doing your work, you stand behind them. If you don't, you cannot get your work done. The men who do your work are entitled to your help and confidence, and you ought not to allow yourselves to be led astray by buncombe speeches on the floor of the House of Representatives or by headlines in sensational newspapers, and go back on the men that are doing your work."

"I don't know whether you are Democrats or Republicans; you want the work done, and when the army engineers who are doing this work are giving all their time to the carrying out of it, you are not men to go back on them or to believe every idle story that comes from the mouth of some politician who is seeking to make himself prominent, or to give himself the advertisement of a little unfounded sensational story."

"That work is being done honestly. I know what I am talking about. The canal will be built, and all the wind opposition that comes merely from a desire to exalt and exploit the man who makes himself responsible cannot prevent it."

"I know what the people of the United States want in that regard, and in so far as I have power as the Executive of this country, I am going to push that work, and I am going to stand behind the men who are doing it."

## When Mr. Taft left the platform a voice from the crowd called out:

"We want you to protect our lumber." He responded to the call and said:

"That is one trouble about you. That is the trouble all over here. You wake up every morning to embrace a doctrine and are very strongly in favor of it, and then you find to your surprise that it is a Republican doctrine. However, it does not make any difference. We don't require you to be consistent."

"I have no doubt that the Republican party will adopt just as good a tariff as

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## HOPKINS STILL HOPEFUL.

Senator Denies He Expects to Enlist  
Efforts of President.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—All prophecies of a new and more active Senatorship fight at Springfield were yesterday set at naught by Senator Albert J. Hopkins, and a quietus likewise was put upon the rumor that he will seek to replace certain Federal appointees with men who will be more efficacious in delivering legislative votes.